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UM PLACEMENT CENTER WAS
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MISSOULA--

The Graduate Placement Center at the University of Montana was more active than ever before last year, according to Charles E. Hood, director of placement.

Hood said the general shortage of professionally trained personnel seems to be greater than in any time since World War II. The greatest demand is still for technically trained persons, but the demand for non-technical employes increased more than in any other field. Non-technical employes are those trained in accounting, general business, marketing, social sciences, etc.

According to Hood, last year was the first time that salaries for technical employes has risen above \$700 a month, and those of non-technical persons above \$600. Nine month salaries for teachers with bachelors degrees also showed increases. The average for Montana teachers was \$5,500 and \$5,800 on the West coast.

According to figures released by the Placement Center, 585 graduates were placed last year through the service, 167 in industrial positions and 418 in education.

Firms from out of state accounted for most hiring, taking 80 per cent of the seniors placed in the industrial division and 47 per cent of those hired in education. California hired 40 teachers, Washington 39, and Oregon 16.

The greatest number of placements in the industrial category were accounting majors, with 47 hired. Fourteen general business majors were placed, and 11 each for finance and management.

Registration with the Placement Center is voluntary, so not all UM seniors are represented by the figures, Hood said. Also, the figures will include some graduate students and alumni who registered before receiving advanced degrees or who want to change positions. Hood said some graduates did not report to the center upon accepting work and so are not listed.